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EXPORT OF MANGOES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to export various fruits particularly mangoes during 2008-09;

(b) if so, the names of the countries who have so far shown their interest in this regard;

(c) the estimated quantity of various fruits particularly mango proposed to be exported during 2008-09, country-wise, value-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of various fruits including mangoes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) The Government is not engaged in export of fruits. However, as part of the ongoing efforts to promote export of Indian Agri produce it facilitates export of fruits including mango.

(b) India exports various fruits including mangoes to the international market. Major destinations for Indian fruits are United Kingdom, Netherlands, Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Sri Lanka.

(c) The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has fixed a fixed a target of Rs 1418 crore for exports of fruits during 2008-09. Fruit-wise and/or country-wise targets have not been fixed.

(d) The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has been taking various measures to promote export of fruits including mango. These include:

(i) Setting up of centers for perishable cargo at International Airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore and Thiruvananthapuram, common pack houses, and other infrastructural facilities.

(ii) Setting up and upgradation of testing laboratories and implementation of residue monitoring plans, development of packaging and preparation of pre and post harvest manuals for export of fruits and vegetables.

(iii) Setting up of Agri export zones for fruits and vegetables.

(iv) Participation in international trade fairs, organisation of promotional campaigns, buyer seller meets and training programmes for certification bodies and farmers.

(v) Financial assistance to its registered exporters under its schemes for Financial assistance, Infrastructure Development, Market Development, Quality Development,Research & Development and Transport assistance.